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In re application of: Jon A. Casey, et al	Date: September 15 2005
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 08, 2005.

The Examiner in the aforementioned Office Action has required restriction under
35 U.S.C. 121, stating that the claims belong to:

GROUP I, Claims 19-22, drawn to a semiconductor device, and


GROUP II, Claims 1-18, drawn to a method of forming a thermistor.

Applicants traverse the aforementioned Restriction Requirement for the following reason:

Applicants submit that the claims as filed are related as a process of fabricating an integrated thermistor and are limited to making only the thermistor of the type illustrated in Figure 12. The Restriction Requirement justifies the restriction by vaguely stating that "the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different products", but fails to list any such "other and materially different products". Thus, Applicants deem that both Groups I and II are one and the same, and they do not fit the criteria for restriction. Accordingly, it is believed that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Notwithstanding the foregoing arguments, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of GROUP II, consisting of Claims 1-18 drawn to the method, and withdraw from consideration the claims forming GROUP I, consisting of Claims 19-22 as being drawn to non-elected invention, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to file a Divisional or Continuation or Continuation-in-Part Patent Application for the withdrawn claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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